

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) An electronic mail transmitting apparatus for transmitting document data via electronic mail, said electronic mail transmitting apparatus comprising:
an application program for producing document data, said application program having a function to send a print instruction to print the document data; and
a printer driver activated by the print instruction of said application program, said printer driver having a function to convert the document data provided by said application program into a data format processible by an application program of an electronic mail receiver and a function to transmit the converted document data via electronic mail;
wherein the printer driver is capable of selecting the data format suitable for the electronic mail transmission from among a plurality of data formats other than page description language (PDL) format.
2. (Original) The electronic mail transmitting apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said printer driver transmits the converted document data by attaching to an electronic mail as an attachment file.
3. (Original) The electronic mail transmitting apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said predetermined data format is a bit-map image format.
4. (Original) The electronic mail transmitting apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said predetermined data format is a document reader software format.
5. (Original) The electronic mail transmitting apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said predetermined data format is a text format.

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7. (Original) The electronic mail transmitting apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said predetermined data format is one of a hyper text markup language (HTML) format and a standard generalized markup language (SGML) format.

8. (Original) The electronic mail transmitting apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said printer driver has a function to manage information regarding electronic mail addresses.

9. (Original) The electronic mail transmitting apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said printer driver has a function to edit a text of an electronic mail to be transmitted.

10. (Currently Amended) A method for transmitting document data prepared by an application program via electronic mail, the method comprising the steps of:

transferring the document data to a printer driver by sending from said application program a print instruction for printing the document data;

selecting a data format processible by an application program of an electronic mail receiver and suitable for electronic mail transmission from among a plurality of data formats other than a page description language data format;

converting the document data into a predetermined data format by said printer driver; and

transmitting the converted document data via electronic mail by an electronic mail transmitting function ~~provided to~~ of said printer driver.

11. (Currently Amended) A processor readable medium storing program code for causing a computer to perform a function of a printer driver, comprising:

first program code means for designating document data to be transmitted via electronic mail, the document data being provided to said printer driver in accordance with a print instruction;

second program code means for converting the document data into a predetermined data format; and

third program code means for transmitting the converted document data via electronic mail using said printer driver;

wherein said second program code means includes program code means for selecting a data format processible by an application program of an electronic mail receiver and suitable for electronic mail transmission from among a plurality of data formats other than a page description language data format.

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13. (Original) The processor readable medium as claimed in claim 11, wherein said third program code means includes program code means for inputting an electronic mail address of a remote party to which the document data is sent via electronic mail.

14. (Previously Presented) The electronic mail transmitting apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said printer driver includes means for determining the predetermined data format suitable for the electronic mail transmission being performed.

15. (Previously Presented) The electronic mail transmitting apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the application program is configured to allow selection

of the data format into which the document data is converted.

16. (Previously Presented) The method for transmitting document data as claimed in claim 10, further comprising the step of selecting the predetermined data format into which the document data is converted using the application program.

17. (Previously Presented) The processor readable medium as claimed in claim 11, further comprising fourth program code means for selecting the data format into which the document data is converted using the first program code means.